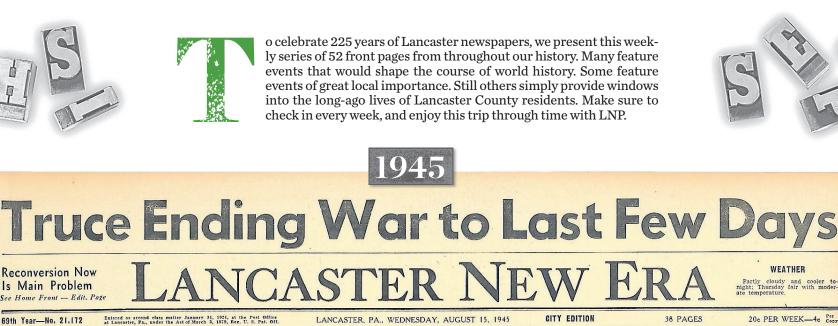
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of War Lifts Rationing End Gas, Oil and Blue-Point Foods; **Army-Navy to Release 7 Millions**

YANKS READY TO MOVE INTO **JAP HOMELAND**

Hard Future Laid Down For Defeated Nips By Peace Terms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15-P)—The world entered a new a of pgace today. Along the Pacific and Asia ie mightiest forces of destruc-one year assembled rolled to a ctorious halt around the



Penn Square under an umbrella of torn newspaper and confetti as the victory celebration began here last night. This was the scene

Releases Will Cover Period 12-18 Months

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ALL MANPOWER CONTROLS OFF

Free Labor Market First Time in 3 Years

1,800 at Work on Armstrong Cutbacks Price Limit On Armstrong Curbacks Immediate cancellation of most of the Armstrong Cork Company's Army and Navy munitions contracts—with the exception of aircraft work — was announced by company of-ficials today. Officials today. Few Luxury **Items** Ended

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 — (P) — Gasoline, all blue point foods, fuel oil and oil stoves went off rationing today. The blue point pro-gram covered canned fruits and vegetables, and such products as

23-BILLION CUT IN ARMY NEEDS Snyder Tells Nation Temporary Idleness

age cut-backs by in

Ince 44. Unemployment to Be Sharp, But Temporary, Snyder Says WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. — (P)— Reconversion Director John W Snyder said today that sudden ending of most of the nation's war contracts will cause "an immedi-an in medi-

GUAM, Aug. 15.- (PP)-Japan's thur disclosed that American White House Says State-urrender envoy, using the code planes had damaged 20 Japanese ment an Error (See MacARTHUR-Page 15)

Retail Stores, Banks, Industries, Bars Closed; Many Food Stores Expected to **Open Tomorrow; Church Services Tonight**

Envoys to Manila Friday LEGAL HOLIDAYS Wild Victory Celebration

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ting command of the Al-cupation forces of Japan. MacArthur said: ank a merciful God that ghty struggle is about to fils next sentence was "I t once take stops to stop es and further bloodshed." ng out his formal series uniques. General MacAr-



Jap Surrender Route

Broken arrows indicate route Jap surrender party will follow for meeting with Gen. Mac-Arthur in Manila.

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MacArthur Orders Enemy 2 DAYS NOT U. S. 2-Day Holiday Follows



JAPAN SURRENDERS



"The world entered a new era of peace today."

So began the account of the ending of World War II on the front page of the Aug. 15, 1945, Lancaster New Era. The night before, President Harry Truman had declared that Japan had surrendered, just a week after the United States deployed two nuclear weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Less than four years prior, Japanese forces bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Response to the end of war was swift. On the same day as Japan's surrender, the U.S. declared that 7 million troops would return home within the next year and a half. Furthermore, \$23 billion in military services was cut, with everything from ammunition and aircraft to hospital services and

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telephone equipment cut immediately.

Because of the relative speed of the end of the war, National Reconversion Director John W. Snyder warned of temporary unemployment as hundreds of thousands of soldiers returned home. However, it wasn't just returning soldiers - those contributing to the war effort at home also would see their roles changed. Armstrong Cork Co., on West Liberty Street, transformed into a munitions maker during the war. As the war ended, Armstrong's military contract was terminated, and 1,800 people were let go. At the same time, the U.S. returned to a free labor market for the first time in three years.

Though the surrender was called in August, the actual documents wouldn't be signed until Sept. 2. Gathered on the USS Missouri, representatives from

Japan, the U.S., China and other Allied countries officially signed the Japanese Instrument of Surrender. For a time, the date was celebrated as "V-J Day," after the designation of "V-E Day" earlier in 1945 after the surrender of Germany from the war.

By the end of 1945, all but one of the Japanese internment camps on the West Coast were closed. In December 1945, the initial order was struck down by the Supreme Court. Of the initial 120,000 Japanese Americans forced into camps, thousands remained at the Tule Lake center until March 1946, when they scattered to start new lives.

While the end of World War II was celebrated as a finale to a historic conflict, the fallout would ripple throughout the coming decades and shape much of life as we know it today.



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